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POINTS FOR ACTION AT INFORMAL MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS
(Preliminary draft of communique)

The Foreign Ministers of the American Republics, meeting informally, have had a full and frank exchange of views on the dangers to the peace and security of the Hemisphere represented by the continued Soviet intervention in Cuba.

They recognize that the recent arms build-up in Cuba with Soviet military personnel and equipment intensifies the dangers to the peace and security of the Hemisphere. The Foreign Ministers view with increasing seriousness the extension of Soviet intervention in this Hemisphere in building up Cuba as a Soviet satellite and as the vanguard of the communist subversive infiltration of this Hemisphere to act as a spearhead of foreign-directed attacks against the institutions of the American Republics. This situation requires that the governments of the American Republics keep developments in Cuba under constant review and redouble their efforts, individually and collectively, to guard against further communist penetration in the Hemisphere.

In the face of these developments, the Ministers agreed to urge their Governments, acting through the organs of the OAS as appropriate, to adopt the following courses of action:

1. To reexamine

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1. To recognize ^{immediately} their remaining trade relations with Cuba with a view to seeking what additional steps affecting trade in items other than foodstuffs or medicines could be taken to limit the capacity of the Castro-communist regime as an instrument of Soviet policy to corrupt the institutions of the other American Republics or to menace in any way the peace and security of these republics or of the Hemisphere.

2. To take action to prevent vessels under their control from carrying to Cuba from whatever source arms, implements of war, and other items of strategic importance, as well as such additional items as the above enumeration of their trade may lead them to agree should not be exported from their countries.

3. To appeal to all other independent nations to take similar action with respect to their trade with Cuba and with respect to the use of vessels within their control.

4. Recognizing the danger inherent in the subversive activities of Castro-communist agents and groups within their respective countries to intensify the measures to prevent such agents and groups from subverting their established institutions.

5. To agree, considering that in this Hemisphere the cloak of secrecy should not be utilized to cover up military build-ups supported by extracontinental powers threatening the peace and security of the Hemisphere

- a. to intensify their individual and collective surveillance by all practical means of the delivery of arms and implements of war and all other items of strategic importance to the Castro-communist regime in Cuba from any sources;

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- b. to exchange information among themselves on a continuing basis both bilaterally and through appropriate Inter-American agencies on such deliveries; and
- c. to request the air-sea patrols on the high seas around Cuba by governments of the Caribbean area to prevent the clandestine shipments of men and material from Cuba, particularly arms of Soviet bloc origin, to their countries for purposes of subversion.

6. To request the OAS, in carrying out the tasks given it by Resolution XX of Punta del Este, and utilizing as it may deem desirable the facilities of the OAS, to undertake an urgent and thorough investigation of:

- a) the transfer of funds from Cuban sources through whatever subterfuge, to the other American Republics for the purpose of influencing and subverting the governments and peoples of the Hemisphere in the interests of international communism;
- b) the flow of subversive propaganda material from Cuba by whatever media and the methods and techniques of its dissemination in the other American Republics; and
- c) the utilization of Cuba, both as a base for indoctrination and training of persons from the other American Republics in the techniques and practices of communist subversion and as a staging area of movement to and from the Euro-Soviet bloc countries of nationals of the other American Republics for further indoctrination and training;

and to make appropriate recommendations to the governments of the American Republics on the necessary measures for controlling this flow of arms,

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of arms, persons, money and subversive propaganda, taking into account the various laws and constitutional provisions prevailing in the various American Republics.

The Ministers reaffirmed their determination to invoke the Rio Treaty in order to counter immediately and effectively by whatever means may be necessary, including the use of armed force, any threat from the Castro-communist regime or the Blue-Diablo bloc against the safety of any American Republic or the peace and security of the Hemisphere.

Finally, the Foreign Ministers continue to look forward to the time when the free-thinking people of Cuba will establish in this sister republic a government compatible with the purposes and principles of the inter-American system, which will be quickly reorganized, assisted and welcomed back to the family of American nations.

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2. To take action to prevent vessels under their control from carrying to Cuba from whatever [?] , implements of war, and other items of strategic importance, as well as such additional items as the above examination of their trade may lead them to agree should not be exported from their countries.

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b. to exchange information among themselves on a continuing basis both bilaterally and through appropriate inter-American agencies on such deliveries; and

c. to augment the air-sea patrols on the high seas around Cuba by governments of the Caribbean area to prevent the clandestine shipments of men and material from Cuba, particularly arms of Soviet bloc origin, to their countries for purposes of subversion.

6. To request the COAS, in carrying out the tasks given it by Resolution II of Punta del Este, and utilizing as it may deem desirable the services of the [offices of the SCCS?], to undertake an urgent and thorough investigation of:

a) the transfer of foods from Cuban sources through whatever subterfuge, to the other American Republics for the purpose of influencing and embracing the governments and peoples of the Hemisphere in the interests of international communism;

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c) the utilization of Cuba, both as a base for indoctrination and training of persons from the other American Republics in the techniques and practices of communist subversion and as a staging area of movement to and from the Sino-Soviet bloc countries of nationals of the other American Republics for further indoctrination and training;

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